

17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

**Clever Touch Screens:** Michael Burke, owner of the Chanelle Group (a major employer in Loughrea) provided the finance to purchase four new Clever Touch Screens. This ICT equipment is the most modern of the interactive technology available to schools. It will greatly enhance the learning opportunities for the pupils. We are most grateful to Michael Burke for his support.

**Off To Literacy:** Pupils in Ms.Geraghty's second class participated in this project during November and December.

**Cake Sale:** A total of €3,105 was raised during the Cake Sale before Halloween. This will be used to purchase extra educational resources for the school.

**Active School:** The Active School team have been busy organising events and activities for the school. They organised the Halloween stations, monster walk, Dance Mania, Active lines and Active Calendars. Well done to everyone for a great effort.

**St. Brendan's Cathedral Carol Service:** On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December pupils from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes in St. Ita's N.S. and from St. Brendan's B.N.S. took part in this annual event. Thank you to all staff involved.

**Christmas Concerts:** In keeping with the festive spirit the following concerts and plays took place:

- The Infant Classes performed their Carol Service and Nativity Play for parents on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>.
- First Class (Mrs. Glynn) performed their Christmas Play "Scarecrow's Christmas" at 10.10 a.m. on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Second Class (Ms. Geraghty) performed their Christmas Play "C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S. – Spells Christmas" at 11.45 a.m. on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Third Class (Ms. Mitchell) performed their Christmas Play "Hosanna Rock" at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Second Class (Ms. Mahony) will perform their Christmas play "It's A Nativity" at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Artwork:** Well done to all of the pupils whose beautiful artwork decorates the school hall, classrooms and corridors. Thank you to all of the school staff who collaborated in displaying the artwork, in decorating the school and in creating the wonderful festive atmosphere. A special thank you to the teachers who prepared, supervised and accompanied pupils during these events.

**Festive Fashion Friday in Aid of Hospice:** As the Christmas holidays are approaching St. Ita's N.S. would like to invite you all to join in some festive fun. We are holding a Festive Fashion Friday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Galway Hospice. We ask that each child would wear something festive to mark the occasion such as a Christmas Jumper, a hairband/Santa hat or even just a piece of tinsel to support this worthy cause. The pupils can support this event by bringing in a donation for Galway Hospice.

**Christmas Holidays:** The school will close at 12 Noon on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. On behalf of all of the Staff of St. Ita's N.S. I want to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. P. Coyle, Principal.